

## Wilderness Characteristics Inventory (Public)

FORM 1

## Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of the area?

No \_\_\_\_\_ (Go to Form 2) Yes  X  (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

a. Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory

b. Inventory Area Unique Identifier (s): CDCA 337

c. Map Name (s)/Number(s): California Desert Wilderness Inventory – South Half 1979

d. BLM District (s)/Field Office (s): CDD/PSSCFO

## 2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory[illegible]

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FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier CDCA 1337-1 Acreage 6,607

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate separately).

In completing steps (1) – (5), use additional space as necessary.

**(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If "No is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area—wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

The area is bounded on the north by Joshua Tree National Park and the Colorado River Aqueduct; on the west, by the Aqueduct maintenance road; on the south, by Dillon Road; and on the east, by a maintained road connecting Dillon Road with Fall Hill. The unit is contains Private, State, and Public Lands. This area does not contain 5,000 contiguous acres of Public Land and is not of sufficient size.

**(2) Does the area appear to be natural?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If "No is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

**(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remaining is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X \_\_\_\_\_

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

**(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remaining is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "N/A" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

**(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

N/A   X  

Description:

(Add description here)

### Summary of Analysis\*

Area Unique Identifier: CDCA 1337-1

#### Summary

This area does not contain 5,000 contiguous acres of Public Land and is not of sufficient size as the lands contain State, Private, and Public ownership. This unit does not meet the size requirements of wilderness characteristics.

#### Results of analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?  
☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### Check one:

☐ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC)

☒ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

#### Prepared by (team members):

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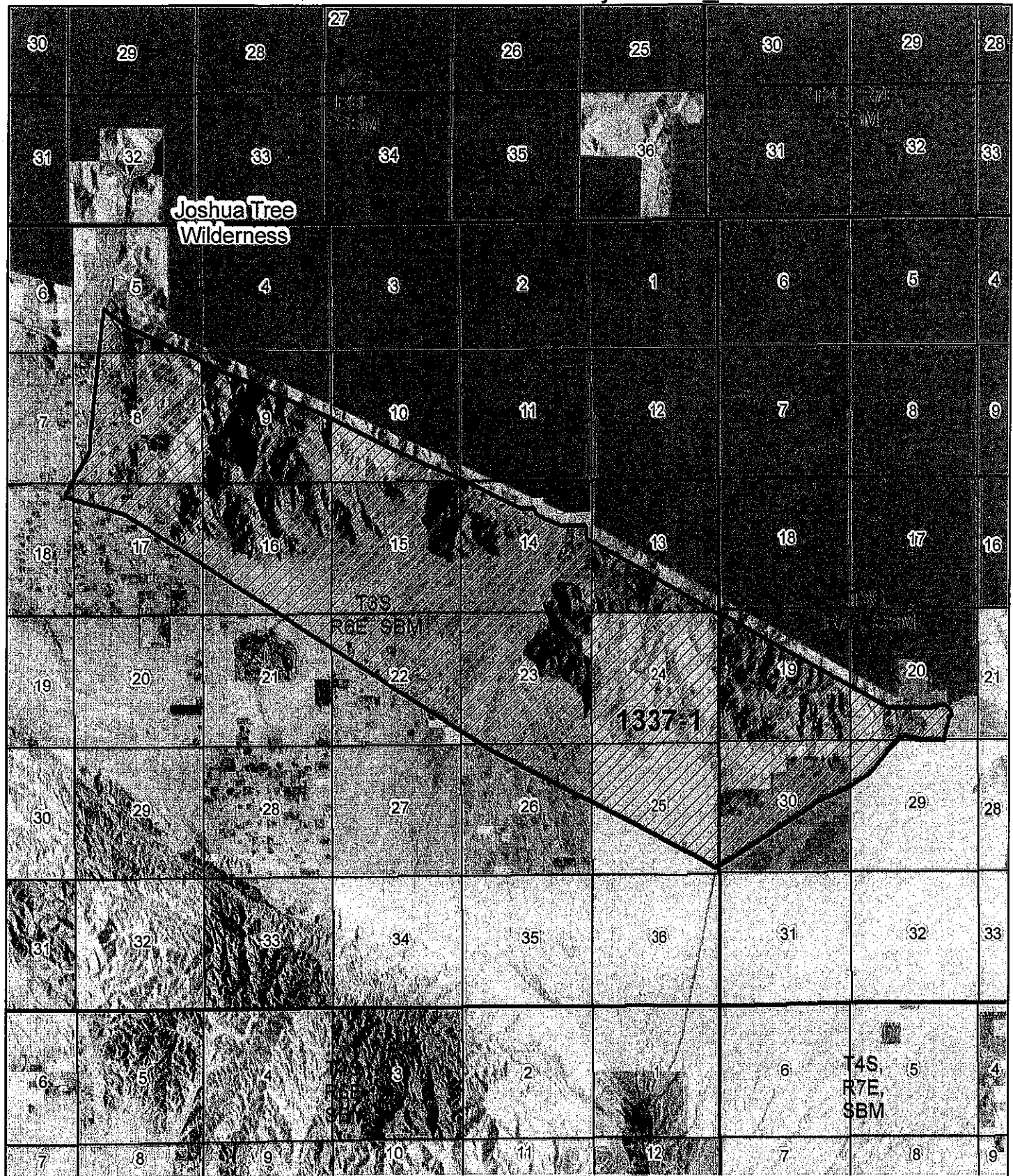
#### Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):

Name: John A. Kuder Title: Field Manager

Date: 2/9/16

\*This form documents information that constitutes and inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR or 1610.5-3

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**Legend**

Wilderness Inventory Units

**Federal Wilderness Surface Management**

Managing Agency

- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service
- National Park Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Government Lands**

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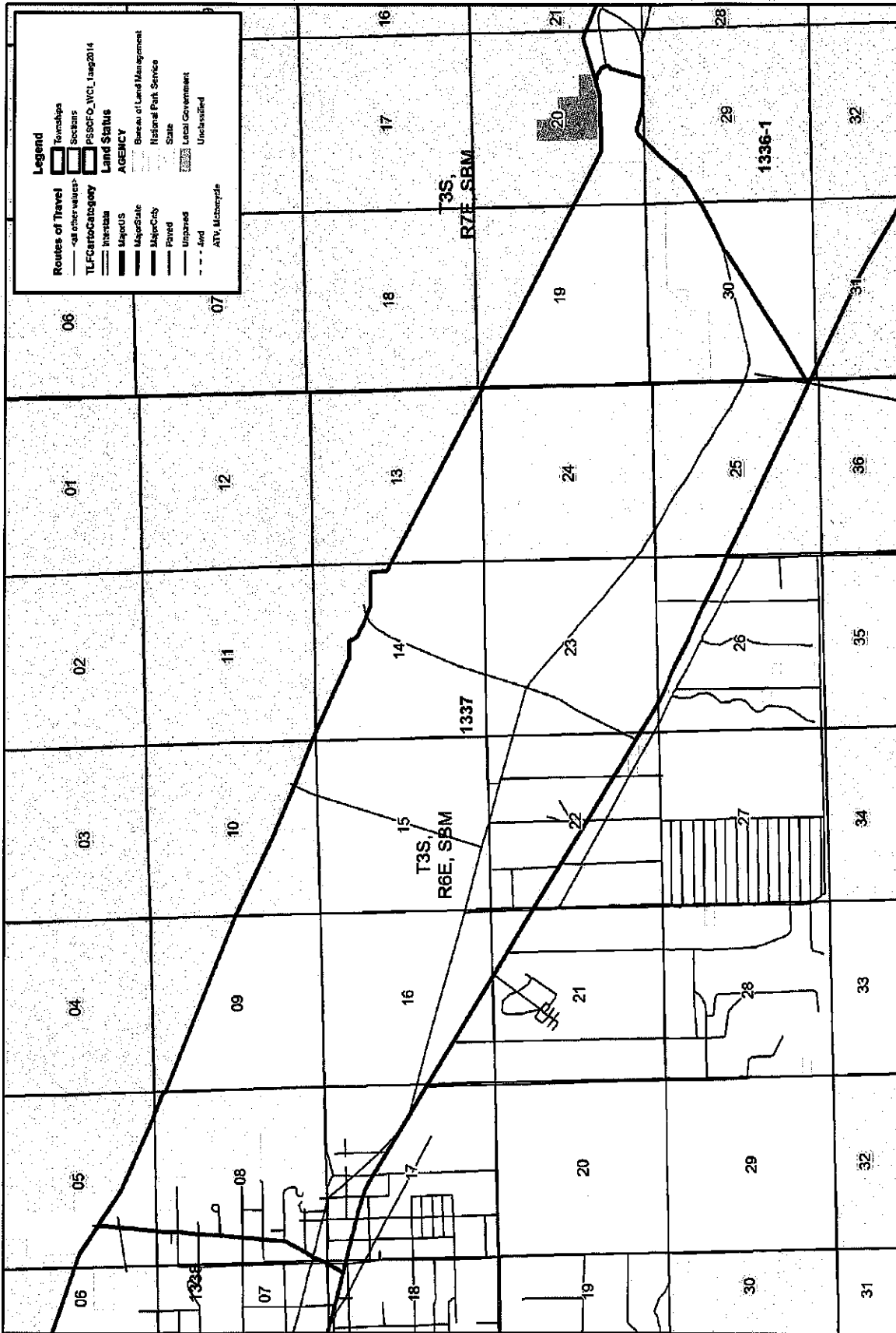
- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Department of Defense
- Other Federal
- State
- Local Government



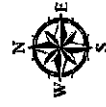
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# Wilderness Character Inventory - CDCA\_1337-1



## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area does not contain 5000 acres of contiguous public lands nor is the area of sufficient size as to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

## III. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Most comments indicated that the western part of the roadless area should be studied further. Other comments stressed geothermal development potential.

### AREA 337

## I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This area is bounded on the north by Joshua Tree National Monument and the Colorado River Aqueduct; on the west, by the Aqueduct maintenance road; on the south, by the Dillon Road; and, on the east, by a maintained road connecting Dillon Road with Fall Hill.

## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area does not contain 5000 acres of contiguous public lands, nor is the area of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Furthermore, private housing developments have adversely affected the primeval character and influence of the landscape.

## III. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The few comments received were in agreement with the findings that the area should be dropped from further wilderness study.

### AREA 338

## I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This roadless area is bounded on the north by Joshua Tree National Monument and the Colorado River Aqueduct; on the west, by the Long Canyon Road; on the south, by the Dillon Road; and, on the east, by the Aqueduct Road.

## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area does not contain 5000 acres of contiguous public lands, nor is the area of sufficient size so that its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition would be practical. Little or no public lands are adjacent to the National Monument.

## III. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments received were in agreement with the findings.

### AREA 339A

## I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is located adjacent to Highway 62, east of Joshua Tree National Monument. The site is bordered on the north and west by Highway 62; on the south, by the community of Desert Hot Springs; and, on the east, by a powerline road.

## II. LAND STATUS

The area does not contain 5000 acres of contiguous public land, nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

## III. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The few comments received were split in opinion as to whether or not the area should receive wilderness study area designation.